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Summary

The present note contains information on the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan, Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea and Turks and Caicos Islands; and the first two-year extension of the country programme for Pakistan. The requests for second or third one-year extensions of country programmes, as well as two-year extensions, are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first extension of the country programmes for Afghanistan, Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Republic of Korea and Turks and Caicos Islands for a period of one year, from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, as reported in table 1.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the first two-year extension of the country programme for Pakistan, from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010, as presented in table 2.

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Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since January 2008

Country	Original CCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Afghanistan	2006-2008	2009		The new UNDAF is expected early 2009 to allow for alignment with the new Government-led Afghanistan national development strategy, which is being finalized this year.	
Argentina	2005-2008	2009		The new administration took office in December 2007. The current administration has requested UNDP programme cycle to be extended to allow the newly elected authorities to elaborate the new programme.	
Ecuador	2004-2008	2009		The national development plan will be formulated following completion of the legal/institutional reform process in May 2008. The UNDAF and programmes of United Nations organizations will be developed based on the national development plan.	
Guatemala	2005-2008	2009		The new Government was elected in November 2007 and took office in January 2008. The extension is granted to permit alignment of the UNDAF (current cycle is 2005-2009) and country programme with the national planning process.	
The Republic of Korea	2005-2008	2009		There were unexpected delays in implementing the projects. The Government requested an extension of the programme to permit its successful completion.	
Turks and Caicos Islands	2004-2008	2009		The new country programme will be designed in 2008 following scheduled government mission and discussions in February and March 2008, and presented for approval in 2009. The programme will be aligned with the ten-year national development plan, which was completed in 2007.	

CCF = Country cooperation framework
UNDAF = United Nations Development Assistance Framework

Table 2. Extensions of country programmes for which Executive Board approval is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Pakistan	2004-2008	-	2009-2010	-	2009-2010	The 'One Programme' is still under formulation and is scheduled for completion in late March 2008. The current UNDAF will be extended to 2010 to implement the 'One Programme' under the 'One UN' pilot exercise in Pakistan (2008-2010), and to synchronize the United Nations programme cycle with the national medium-term development framework (2005-2010).		